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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: July 20, 1979
 Mr. J. E. Goodby's Office
 EUR - Room 6226

SUBJECT: Raoul Wallenberg

PARTICIPANTS: Mrs. Karena Lagergren, Swedish Citizen
 Minister Bengt Borglund, Charge d'Affaires,
 Swedish Embassy
 James E. Goodby, Deputy Assistant Secretary, EUR
 Robert L. Funseth, Director, EUR/NE
 James V. Doane, Jr., EUR/SOV

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After exchanging pleasantries Mrs. Lagergren mentioned she recently had met with Senators Pell and Church, Congressmen Dornan and Burton, Ed Sanders of the Department (S/ES) and Stuart Eizenstadt at the White House concerning the fate of her half-brother Raoul.

She asked about the possibility of obtaining a copy of the memorandum that former Secretary Kissinger had disapproved on raising her brother's case with the Soviets. Mr. Goodby promised to check into the request, and said he thought it would be possible.

Mrs. Lagergren referred to her request to Mr. Funseth on July 18, if we would consider raising the case with the Soviets. Mr. Goodby said we would approach the Soviet Union about her brother. Asking if it would be in Moscow or Washington, Goodby said it would be in Washington and in the absence of Ambassador Dobrynin we would take it up with the Charge. Goodby also promised to let the Swedish Embassy know when we made our approach, and asked Mr. Borglund if the Swedish Government concurred in such an endeavor? Mr. Borglund said he would ask his MFA immediately and would let us know their reply. (Within an hour, Mr. Borglund confirmed to Mr. Funseth his Government's concurring in the projected approach.)

Goodby then asked if Mrs. Lagergren would remain silent about our intentions until we made our approach, explaining press stories speculating on this may take some force out of it. She agreed, and said she was very pleased and grateful for our help and hoped that

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